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1. EMBASSY IS NOW READY TO SUBMIT CURRICULA VITAE ON PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLED BY PEACE CORPS STAFF. WE REMAIN CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT ORIGINS AND MOTIVES OF THIS SUDDEN REQUIREMENT TO THE PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF THE AGREEMENT'S ORIGINAL INTENT. SINCE PEACE CORPS MUST REACH DECISION ON THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE

FOR PROPOSED DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE:
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
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BRAZIL, AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE DCOPT/DPP/DCS/55/644(B46)(B13) OF JILY 29, 1977, REQUESTING CURRICULA VITAE ON PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINISTRY'S REQUEST THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HEREBY PROVIDES THE REQUESTED CURRICULA VITAE IN THE ATTACHED ANNEX.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE 1973 AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF CURRICULA VITAE OF THE NATURE REQUESTED ON PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS SUBMITTING SUCH INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL

VISAS IN THIS INSTANCE SO AS TO AVOID SERIOUS INTERRUPTION AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF ONE OR MORE OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THUS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER FURTHER IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT APPEAR TO BE REQUIREMENTS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE AGREED UPON IN THE 1973 ACCORD.

(FOLLOWS USUAL CLOSING.)

3. COMMENT: IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HERMES ARAUJO (CHIEF, WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEPARTMENT) AND MINISTER HOSANNAH ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, AUGUST 1, CHARGE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SUDDEN DELAY RESULTING FROM THE BRAZILIAN DECISION AND THE RESULTING DIFFICULTIES FOR 88 YOUNG AMERICANS WHO HAD VOLUNTEERED THEIR SERVICES FOR PROJECT S

WHICH THE PEACE CORPS HAD UNDERSTOOD HAD ALREADY IN PRINCIPLE BEEN AGREED TO BY BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, AUGUST 2, HOSANNAH STRESSED THE TECHNICAL LEGAL NATURE OF THE BRAZILIAN REQUEST, BASED ON BRAZILIAN LAW GOVERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS, AND ASSURED CHARGE MINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO EXPECITE VISAS. OUR IMPRESSION REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES THIS WILL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW DAYS AND, IN FACT, MAY TAKE SEFERAL WEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE HOSANNAH'S COMMENTS WERE INTENDED TO STRIP THIS PROBLEM OF POLITICAL OVERTONES. END COMMENT.

4. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY AND PARTIAL TRANSLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JULY 29 FROM THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY: THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTES THAT 8 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND MENTIOS THEM BY NAME. BEGIN TRANSLATION PARAGRAPH 3 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS THE EMBASSY THAT IT IS IN NO WAY OPPOSED TO THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROVED PROJECTS WITH PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE. PARAGRAPH 4 IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTED OFFICIAL VISAS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTS THAT THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE PROPOSED POSTS IN EACH PROJECT, BE ACCOMPANIED BY A "CURRICULUM VITAE", WITH EMPHASIS ON THE ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND/OR THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO THE FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE Y ARE INDICATED. PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE VERY PLEA SED IF THE NAMES AND THE "CURRICULA VITAE" OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE OTHER PROPOSED POSTS IN THE EIGHT APPROVED PROJECTS BE REMITTED

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ANY CASE BY THE END OF AUGUST.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NOATE IS BASED ON
A FOREIGN OFFICE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER VOLUNTEER
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COMING INTO THE EIGHT APPROVED PROJECTS.

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